Women We Admire:
Vice President Theresa A. Maldonado
UC Office of the President

Theresa A. Maldonado is the systemwide Vice President for Research & Innovation at the University of California Office of the President. She leads large-scale efforts that utilize the expertise and assets of the 10 UC campuses, three UC-managed DOE national labs, UC Agriculture & Natural Resources, and UC Health. Achievements include leading the $100M California Climate Action Initiative and facilitating California’s $1.2B DOE Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) hub.

As the UC system’s chief research officer, VP Maldonado is revitalizing UC’s innovation transfer ecosystem, guiding multi-campus research institutes for greater impact, and interpreting new federal policy implications on research. In her daily work as VPRI she champions meaningful interdisciplinary research teams; authentically engages stakeholders in state / federal government, industry, and local communities / tribes; and proactively advocates the public value of UC research. Dr. Maldonado is the new President-Elect of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and has served on numerous external advisory committees and boards at the National Science Foundation, the National Academy of Engineering, the California Council for Science and Technology, and other organizations. Her career spans higher education, industry, and the federal government.

Dr. Maldonado earned the BEE with Highest Honors, MSEE, and PhD degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her research background is in nonlinear optical materials and devices, electromagnetics, and optical fiber technologies. Dr. Maldonado is a registered Professional Engineer in Texas.

Please join PACSW on July 24, 12-1:00 p.m., to learn about how Dr. Maldonado’s serendipitous career path has prepared her for her current role at UC and how she prioritized work/life balance along the way.

PACSW established the Women We Admire speaker series in 2009 to bring education leaders to UCOP to share insights about their careers, workplace challenges, and work-life balance. Please see http://ucop.edu/pacsw/events-programs/women-we-admire.html for more details.